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Please let us know of any local issues which are of concern to you:

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BUSINESS RATES RELIEF FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

The high business rates increase in the Ward, and across the District, was felt considerably by some local businesses. Quite rightly, they raised the alarm at the rates uplift they received.

Reassuringly, WCC has successfully rolled out payments to businesses who qualified for relief – no fuss, just good service, reassuring businesses by supporting them so they could continue to operate.

This service will continue in the coming years. Prospective City Councillor, Irene Spencer, said, “Our local businesses are vital to our community so it’s good to see the Council taking prompt action.”



Cllrs Lisa Griffiths and Ernie Jeffs with Prospective City Councillor, Irene Spencer, at the Abbas Business Centre in Itchen Abbas

THE ALRESFORD TIP

Thank you to all the residents who responded to the Post Lite, delivered before Christmas. 100% of respondents wanted it kept open! The majority supported a small charge to use the tip if it means the service can be retained.

Cllr Lisa Griffiths said, “I know that Hampshire County Council is working closely with local MPs and the Government to seek a change in legislation. To allow Waste & Recycling Centres to be saved, HCC are looking at various mechanisms to make them viable and a small charge may be the answer.”

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URGENT NEED FOR MORE HOMES TO RENT

Winchester City Council has a programme to build new homes, and continues to deliver at a higher rate than many areas in the country. There is continuing work to identify land on which further council owned housing can be built in the District, including our area. It is important to focus on homes that are realistically attainable for all residents. This objective is particularly important for our ward to ensure that the local workforce can live locally.

As a Prospective City Councillor, Irene Spencer, presently a Town Councillor, said, “I will work with the Housing Portfolio Holder to ensure we address the issues faced by residents in Alresford and Itchen Valley Ward. In the past few years we have seen new homes in Itchen Abbas and also on Mitford Road, but we need homes specifically targeted at the rental market. Affordable housing is not ‘affordable’ for many residents in our ward where house prices are so high – we need more housing available to rent.”

Cllr Ernie Jeffs added, “Irene is absolutely correct that we need to do more to provide housing for local residents which really are affordable and provide the independence that people want.”



Cllr Ernie Jeffs at Mitford Road site with Prospective City Councillor, Irene Spencer

NO, NO, NO – PLEASE?

While it’s tempting to park up on the pavement to drop something off, Cllr Lisa Griffiths said, “Residents with pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters are frustrated to find their path blocked by vehicles and have asked me to help stop this.”

So, a little reminder – when you park, or a driver delivers, please make sure it is not in such a way that may cause someone to have to divert onto the road. It’s illegal to park on the pavement!

MASTERPLAN DELIVERS NEW DEAN CAR PARK

The Masterplan exercise, which brought together the individual land owners of The Dean site, has successfully secured benefits for the whole town. In January Winchester City Council approved the purchase of the land for a new 47 space car park, with completion in late 2018. Prospective City Councillor, Irene Spencer, commented, “Your City Councillors and I are delighted that this element of the Masterplan will be delivered this year, and that all 47 spaces will be fully available to the public, on a pay and display basis.”



Cllr Ernie Jeffs and Prospective City Councillor, Irene Spencer, review the progress in The Dean

NEWS IN BRIEF....

- **EVENING BUSES:** Do use the evening bus service and remember it’s half price travel after 7pm.
- **HOW TO REPORT MISSED BINS:** Hopefully it is rare that bins aren’t emptied but if they aren’t, call **0300 300 0013** or report online www.winchester.gov.uk, using “Report Missed Bins”.
- **FLY TIP REPORTING:** Again, you can report via telephone or online (as above), using “Report”. Cllr Lisa Griffiths says, “We have 3 prosecutions pending and a 100% prosecution success rate – don’t mess with us!”

Working for residents in Alresford & Itchen Valley